

**Town of Peru  
Municipal Office  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2022**

PRESENT: Jess Carrier, Jason Dolloff, Katie Lawrence, Arthur Clifford, Gail Belyea, Patrick Houghton, Brad Hutchings, Dan Carrier Jr, Tina Courtway

1. Minutes:

a. Minutes of the November 14, 2022, Selectboard Meeting:

- ***Arthur made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2022, Select Board Meeting. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.***

2. Town Officials/Appointed Committee Members/Board Reports:

a. Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings

- Things are calming down, Road Department is swapping to winter stuff. Trucks are ready for potential storm Wednesday, but ground is not yet frozen so simply planning on salting and sanding, only plowing as needed.
- Truck #8 is at Stan's waiting for a rotted piece on truck to be replaced; to be expected, as truck is 17 years old.
- Last load of salt came in last week.
- Board members brought to Brad's attention some dead trees at roadway at town-owned corner of field/cemetery. Brad will look at them.

b. Fire Chief, Dan Carrier

- Oil tank at Central Station has been replaced.
- Pump testing has been completed – engine #11 did not pass, has since been repaired at Northeast.
- Still looking for replacement firetruck, lots of departments are currently buying used as new firetrucks are 3 years out production-wise.
- Dan is still working on creating policy for Cost Recovery Program.

c. Rec Committee, Tina Courtway

- Flyers for pageant will be sent out at Dirigo schools on Tuesday 11/15/2022, will also be put in paper to garner as much interest as possible.
- Tina stated she will continue with the plans for Winterfest. She has spoken with other Peru parents who are interested in participating in Winterfest, as well as other Rec Committee activities.
- General discussion was had about the logistics of building, maintenance, etc., for skating rink.

3. Action Items:

a. Tax abatement for Maria Sinclair, per assessor recommendation

- ***Arthur made a motion to approve tax abatement for Maria Sinclair in the amount of \$1,450.50. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.***

**b. Gail made a motion to pay Jess for the days she missed last week. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.**

**c. Jason made a motion pay Jess for the days she will miss this week. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.**

4. Incoming Correspondence:

a. Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice donation request in the amount of \$250.

- **Arthur made a motion to table discussion regarding donation request to budget time. Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor.**

5. Select Board Business:

a. New Business:

- Gail shared with other Board members that the County Commissioner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11/15/2022 at 1:00 p.m.
- General discussion was had regarding the 7% increase in employee insurance effective January 1, 2023. Options and alternatives were discussed, though any changes made at this time would be for next year's budget.

b. Old Business:

- Worthley Pond spring: Gail and Jason met with CEO at the spring on Friday morning; Arthur had been to look at it independently. What was viewed during said visits to spring and potential causes of positive total coliform results were discussed. Patrick will go at first light Tuesday morning to take pictures, will also contact Darren Brann regarding the Board's discussion and to inquire what the process would be for receiving extension beyond current 11/20/2022 deadline for corrective action.
- Revaluation bids: General discussion was had regarding pros and cons of each bid received – KRT Appraisal, bid of \$145,000 plus other fees, to be completed by 2024; and Steven Salley, bid of \$200,000 total with no extra fees associated, to be completed by 2026.
  - **Jason made a motion to accept the bid submitted by Steven Salley for town-wide revaluation. Arthur seconded the motion. 4-1, Gail opposed.**
  - **Gail made a motion for a letter to be sent to KRT Appraisal informing them of the decision to not utilize their services for town-wide revaluation. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.**

6. Warrant #10 (11/14/2022)

a. Payroll Warrant #10 in the amount of \$10,879.13.

- **Arthur made a motion to approve Payroll Warrant #10 in the amount of \$10,879.13. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.**

b. Accounts Payable Warrant #10 in the amount of \$166,928.92.

- **Patrick made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #10 in the amount of \$166,928.92. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.**

7. Public Participation:

**a. Gail made a motion to go into Public Participation at 7:49 p.m. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.**

- General discussion was had regarding oil prices and what the town pays, if it may be beneficial for the town to look into a bulk-buy or pre-buy scenario.

b. Gail made a motion to come out of Public Participation at 7:56 p.m. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.

8. Adjournment

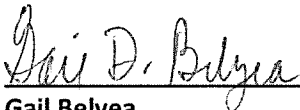
a. Patrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.


Public Participation:


The Town of Peru Ordinance "OPEN TO THE PUBLIC" Sessions enacted by the townspeople on January 19, 2013, is in full force and effect. There will be one "Open to the Public" segment near the end of the Board meeting. This segment is limited to twenty minutes, to allow for the public to ask questions, make comments or express concerns during that portion of the meeting. The Board may or may not respond at that time. Complaints or criticism regarding any Town employee should be put in writing and directed to the Department Head or Chairperson of the Board. The Board will not engage in any discussion of an employee, Town Official or Citizen without that person first having adequate knowledge and having the right to be present at such a meeting and be accurately represented. Copies of the Ordinance are available from the Secretary.

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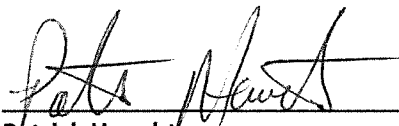
Monday, November 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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Gail Belyea Date  
Chair

 11/28/22  
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Kathryn Lawrence Date  
Vice Chair

 11/28/22  
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Arthur Clifford Date

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Jason Dolloff Date

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Patrick Houghton Date